

## TREATMENT PROTOCOL

S-132

## DECOMPRESSION ILLNESS / DIVING / ALTITUDE-RELATED INCIDENTS

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BLS ALS

● 100% O₂ via mask	Monitor/EKG
<ul> <li>Ventilate PRN</li> </ul>	• IV/IO <sup>®</sup>
O2 saturation	
Spinal stabilization PRN	
Warming PRN_remove wetsuit_if able	

**Diving victim:** A person with any symptoms after diving, regardless of whether compressed gasses such as air were used.

**Minor symptoms (non-progressive):** Minimal localized joint pain, mottling of skin surface, or localized swelling with pain.

**Major symptoms:** Symptoms listed above that are severe and/or rapidly progressing, vertigo, altered LOC, progressive paresthesia, seizure, paralysis, severe SOB, blurred vision, crepitus, hematemesis, hemoptysis, pneumothorax, urinary retention, trunk pain, or girdle or band-like burning discomfort.

## **Diving victim disposition**

- All patients (including active-duty military) should be transported to UCSD Hillcrest Emergency Department
- Follow policy T-460 if trauma criteria are met
- Bring dive computer and gear if available